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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed March 3, 2006 an Examiner Interview on May 25, 2006, and the Interview Summary mailed June 7, 2006. The initial deadline for response was June 3, 2006. This response to Final Office Action filed June 29, 2006 further includes a petition for a one month extension of time. Please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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